

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph 57 with the following:

[0057] When assembled, the plunger actuator 72, guide pin 74, coil spring 76, actuator button 78, and associated safety slide button 80 are mounted within the plunger housing 70 of the connector coupling 16. Accordingly, the threaded ends 84a and 84b of the plunger housing 70 are connected via the threads to the dispenser body 26 and end cap 15, respectively. As such, depression of the actuator button 78 when the safety slide button 80 is in a position enabling depression in a generally radial direction causes the plunger actuator 72 to move axially relative to the plunger housing 70 and engage the rear end of the irritant canister 40. This forces the discharge nozzle 42 into the passage 60 while the discharge nozzle 42 is forced into the body of the canister 40, causing pressurized irritant within the canister 40 to be discharged through the orifice 62. When the safety slide button 80 is moved to a position offset from its axially aligned position with the actuator button 78 (a “safety” position), depression of the actuator button, and thus discharge of irritant from the canister 40, is prevented. By default, the safety button 80 of the tactical defense device 10 is set to a safety position. The user easily is able to determine whether the safety slide button 80 is in a “safe” setting or in an “armed” setting both visually and tactilely. Advantageously, the tactical defense device 10 is designed to be effortlessly operable by both right-handed and left-handed users.